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GOVERNOR SETS MARCH CAPITAL FOR A DAY IN GEM COUNTY

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter announced today that the **Gem County seat of Emmett** will host the next Capital for a Day on **Wednesday, March 27th**.

Governor Otter brings State government to Idahoans living outside Boise each month by making a different town in Idaho the state's "Capital for a Day." The meetings provide local residents an opportunity to have open discussions about government issues with Governor Otter, members of his Cabinet and other senior State officials.

The next Capital for a Day is scheduled from **9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Emmett-Carberry Intermediate School in Emmett**. There will be a break at 11:30 a.m. to welcome the Idaho Potato Commission's "Spuddy Buddy" and the Famous Idaho Potato Truck. Governor Otter then will join local officials and residents at noon for a no-host luncheon at Cold Mountain Creek Restaurant.

State officials joining Governor Otter at Capital for a Day will include **First Lady Lori Otter, Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna, Idaho Tax Commission Chairman Rich Jackson, Office of Energy Resources Administrator John Chatburn, Department of Commerce Director Jeff Sayer, Department of Insurance Director Bill Deal, Idaho State Department of Agriculture Director Celia Gould, Office on Aging Administrator Sam Haws; Colonel Brad Richy, administrator of the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security; Idaho Liquor Division and Idaho Lottery Director Jeff Anderson, Department of Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Merrill, and Department of Lands Director Tom Schultz**. Also on hand will be senior representatives from the Idaho Department of Labor, Idaho Transportation Department, Idaho Department of Water Resources, and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

"Gem County joined the '44' almost 100 years ago. But its recorded history goes back almost another 100 years, when the first fur trappers came, and continues through its heyday as a mining and timber crossroads," Governor Otter said. "Now as the economy and the landscape change, and as rural and suburban meet, my Cabinet members and I look forward to hearing Gem County residents' hopes and plans for this beautiful valley's future."

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